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For: ENGINE EXHAUST SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE	:	<b><i>AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION</i></b>

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the April 7, 2009 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16, 21 and 22 are pending, with claims 2, 10 and 14 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.